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Boston Post Cane Presented to Edward Kilik

On Monday, June 27, 2022, the Boston Post Cane for the Oldest Resident of Grafton was presented to Mr. Edward Kilik of North Grafton, by Kandy Lavallee, Town Clerk, and Colleen Roy, Chair of the Grafton Select Board. Edward is currently 101 years old.

Mr. Kilik was born on June 9, 1921, in Worcester, Massachusetts, and moved to Grafton at the age of 9, in 1930. He grew up on his family's farm on Brigham Hill Road where he picked apples and milked dairy cows. He graduated from Grafton High School in 1939.

After High School, Mr. Kilik enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served honorably from May 1942 to September 1945. He was an engineer-mechanic and a tail gunner on a B-25 Liberator in the 57th Bomb Squad. He flew 66 combat missions over Southern France, Corsica, Algiers, and the Congo. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross and holds his service record as a point of personal pride. In 1945 Mr. Kilik returned to Grafton and began a 33-year career working for Coes Knife Co. in Worcester. He started his career as a machinist and retired in 1986 as a Superintendent.

Today, Edward spends most of his time with his family. He has 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

Ms. Kandy Lavallee, Town Clerk, stated: "Mr. Kilik is the first resident to receive the Cane under the revitalized program. He was excited to receive the recognition, and the Town is happy to have residents like Edward who continue to show pride in their Town."

Ms. Colleen Roy, Chair of the Select Board, stated: "It was a unique and exciting experience to speak with Mr. Kilik. I'm happy that we have people like Edward in our town, who can share stories of their exceptional lives, and the history of Grafton."

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